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Barnes would edge out Deal in rematch for Georgia gov.

Raleigh, N.C. – Nathan Deal beat former Governor Roy Barnes last November by ten points, but he has yet to make a strong impression on Georgia voters. 35% approve, 31% disapprove, and 34% are not sure of the work he has done so far. If voters could re-do the election now, Barnes would just edge out Deal, 46-45. But Deal is at least more popular so far than his predecessor, fellow Republican Sonny Perdue, whose work over eight years is disapproved of by a 38-46 margin.

Saxby Chambliss, who had to go to a runoff to win re-election in 2008, is in a similar position as Deal, with 38% approving, 33% disapproving, and 29% not sure about his job performance. That is an improvement from last February, when 43% disapproved and the same 38% approved.

Voters are just slightly less down on the man Chambliss beat in his first election in 2002, Max Cleland. 38% have a favorable opinion of him but only 30% an unfavorable one.

Chambliss' junior colleague, Johnny Isakson, is better liked, with 44% approving and only 29% disapproving of the work he is doing in the Senate. That is a drastic improvement from the 36-38 spread 13 months ago. 62% of Republicans approve, and only 45% of Democrats disapprove, while independents split 46-29 in his favor.

The man Isakson succeeded, Zell Miller, has almost a 2:1 (47-24) favorability ratio. His endorsement of George W. Bush in 2004 and John McCain in 2008 has left him with only a 37-35 split with Democrats, but an enormous 58-15 with the GOP.

The most popular figure PPP has measured in the state, though, is former Senator Sam Nunn, who rates a 47-18. Voters love him across the board—in fact, independents love him most (53-8), followed by Republicans (49-17), and last his own Democrats (40-24).

Voters of all partisan stripes also agree that alcohol sales should be legal on Sundays. It is another measure more popular with independents (60%) and Republicans (57%) than Democrats (53%).

PPP surveyed 790 Georgia voters from March 31st to April 3rd. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Georgia Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Nathan Deal's job performance?

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 31%
Not sure 34%

Q2 If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Democrat Roy Barnes or Republican Nathan Deal?

Roy Barnes 46%
Nathan Deal..... 45%
Not sure 9%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Saxby Chambliss' job performance?

Approve 38%
Disapprove..... 33%
Not sure 29%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Johnny Isakson's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 29%
Not sure 27%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the work Sonny Perdue did during his time as Governor?

Approve 38%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not sure 16%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Zell Miller?

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 29%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Max Cleland?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 30%
Not sure 33%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sam Nunn?

Favorable..... 47%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 36%

Q9 Do you think it should be legal or illegal to sell alcohol on Sundays in Georgia?

Legal 56%
Illegal 38%
Not sure 6%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 47%
Barack Obama..... 42%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal 11%
Somewhat liberal 15%
Moderate..... 26%
Somewhat conservative..... 28%
Very conservative 20%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%



Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 39%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 65%
African American..... 29%
Other..... 6%

Q15 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 18%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%



Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Deal Approval				
Approve	35%	49%	20%	31%
Disapprove	31%	15%	51%	23%
Not sure	34%	36%	29%	46%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Barnes/Deal Do-over				
Roy Barnes	46%	16%	81%	40%
Nathan Deal	45%	76%	11%	41%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	19%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Chambliss Approval				
Approve	38%	56%	21%	24%
Disapprove	33%	20%	49%	30%
Not sure	29%	24%	30%	47%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Isakson Approval				
Approve	44%	60%	29%	37%
Disapprove	29%	16%	46%	18%
Not sure	27%	24%	25%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Perdue 8 Years Approval				
Approve	38%	48%	29%	24%
Disapprove	46%	32%	61%	48%
Not sure	16%	19%	10%	28%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	47%	57%	40%	30%
Unfavorable	24%	16%	34%	18%
Not sure	29%	27%	25%	52%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Cleland Favorability				
Favorable	38%	25%	51%	39%
Unfavorable	30%	39%	20%	26%
Not sure	33%	36%	29%	36%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Nunn Favorability				
Favorable	47%	49%	44%	45%
Unfavorable	18%	14%	23%	12%
Not sure	36%	36%	33%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	56%	57%	57%	49%
Illegal	38%	38%	37%	42%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Deal Approval						
Approve	35%	14%	25%	24%	45%	53%
Disapprove	31%	64%	53%	40%	10%	14%
Not sure	34%	22%	22%	37%	45%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Barnes/Deal Do-over						
Roy Barnes	46%	81%	73%	60%	26%	16%
Nathan Deal	45%	12%	18%	31%	63%	75%
Not sure	9%	7%	9%	9%	11%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Chambliss Approval						
Approve	38%	20%	14%	31%	47%	61%
Disapprove	33%	51%	58%	43%	15%	17%
Not sure	29%	29%	28%	26%	38%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Isakson Approval						
Approve	44%	24%	35%	32%	57%	62%
Disapprove	29%	41%	47%	41%	15%	12%
Not sure	27%	35%	18%	27%	28%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Perdue 8 Years Approval						
Approve	38%	24%	30%	32%	43%	50%
Disapprove	46%	59%	61%	55%	40%	25%
Not sure	16%	16%	9%	13%	17%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Miller Favorability						
Favorable	47%	36%	41%	42%	54%	54%
Unfavorable	24%	37%	37%	27%	16%	13%
Not sure	29%	27%	22%	30%	30%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cleland Favorability						
Favorable	38%	36%	55%	48%	28%	25%
Unfavorable	30%	24%	19%	23%	36%	41%
Not sure	33%	39%	25%	30%	36%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Nunn Favorability						
Favorable	47%	34%	41%	50%	53%	44%
Unfavorable	18%	31%	23%	11%	14%	20%
Not sure	36%	35%	36%	39%	33%	36%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?						
Legal	56%	59%	65%	58%	59%	43%
Illegal	38%	33%	31%	38%	34%	51%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%	4%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Deal Approval			
Approve	35%	33%	37%
Disapprove	31%	33%	29%
Not sure	34%	34%	34%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Barnes/Deal Do-over			
Roy Barnes	46%	51%	40%
Nathan Deal	45%	39%	51%
Not sure	9%	10%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Chambliss Approval			
Approve	38%	36%	40%
Disapprove	33%	31%	35%
Not sure	29%	33%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Isakson Approval			
Approve	44%	47%	42%
Disapprove	29%	28%	30%
Not sure	27%	26%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perdue 8 Years Approval			
Approve	38%	39%	36%
Disapprove	46%	45%	47%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Miller Favorability			
Favorable	47%	46%	48%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	25%
Not sure	29%	31%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cleland Favorability			
Favorable	38%	40%	34%
Unfavorable	30%	23%	37%
Not sure	33%	37%	29%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Nunn Favorability			
Favorable	47%	44%	49%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	19%
Not sure	36%	40%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?			
Legal	56%	47%	66%
Illegal	38%	45%	30%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Deal Approval				
Approve	35%	18%	53%	31%
Disapprove	31%	54%	13%	21%
Not sure	34%	28%	33%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Barnes/Deal Do-over				
Roy Barnes	46%	82%	11%	44%
Nathan Deal	45%	11%	80%	40%
Not sure	9%	7%	8%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Chambliss Approval				
Approve	38%	19%	54%	41%
Disapprove	33%	47%	19%	34%
Not sure	29%	33%	27%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Isakson Approval				
Approve	44%	26%	62%	46%
Disapprove	29%	45%	13%	29%
Not sure	27%	29%	25%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Perdue 8 Years Approval				
Approve	38%	29%	48%	33%
Disapprove	46%	58%	35%	45%
Not sure	16%	13%	17%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	47%	37%	58%	46%
Unfavorable	24%	35%	15%	20%
Not sure	29%	29%	27%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cleland Favorability				
Favorable	38%	47%	24%	45%
Unfavorable	30%	20%	41%	27%
Not sure	33%	33%	35%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Nunn Favorability				
Favorable	47%	40%	49%	53%
Unfavorable	18%	24%	17%	8%
Not sure	36%	36%	34%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	56%	53%	57%	60%
Illegal	38%	38%	39%	37%
Not sure	6%	9%	4%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Deal Approval				
Approve	35%	44%	18%	14%
Disapprove	31%	21%	52%	40%
Not sure	34%	35%	30%	46%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Barnes/Deal Do-over				
Roy Barnes	46%	27%	87%	55%
Nathan Deal	45%	62%	9%	27%
Not sure	9%	11%	5%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Chambliss Approval				
Approve	38%	46%	20%	29%
Disapprove	33%	26%	46%	49%
Not sure	29%	28%	34%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Isakson Approval				
Approve	44%	53%	31%	20%
Disapprove	29%	21%	39%	61%
Not sure	27%	26%	30%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Perdue 8 Years Approval				
Approve	38%	41%	27%	50%
Disapprove	46%	40%	61%	37%
Not sure	16%	19%	11%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Miller Favorability				
Favorable	47%	50%	42%	41%
Unfavorable	24%	19%	31%	36%
Not sure	29%	31%	26%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Cleland Favorability				
Favorable	38%	33%	44%	55%
Unfavorable	30%	33%	21%	32%
Not sure	33%	34%	34%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Nunn Favorability				
Favorable	47%	49%	41%	43%
Unfavorable	18%	15%	22%	25%
Not sure	36%	36%	37%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	56%	59%	53%	40%
Illegal	38%	36%	38%	57%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Deal Approval					
Approve	35%	28%	28%	38%	43%
Disapprove	31%	44%	33%	28%	23%
Not sure	34%	28%	39%	34%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Barnes/Deal Do-over					
Roy Barnes	46%	58%	54%	44%	28%
Nathan Deal	45%	33%	39%	44%	64%
Not sure	9%	9%	7%	12%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Chambliss Approval					
Approve	38%	28%	39%	42%	39%
Disapprove	33%	40%	30%	33%	33%
Not sure	29%	33%	32%	26%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Isakson Approval					
Approve	44%	40%	40%	47%	50%
Disapprove	29%	23%	32%	32%	25%
Not sure	27%	37%	28%	21%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perdue 8 Years Approval					
Approve	38%	35%	35%	40%	38%
Disapprove	46%	47%	56%	45%	36%
Not sure	16%	19%	9%	15%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Miller Favorability					
Favorable	47%	47%	42%	48%	51%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	23%	25%	24%
Not sure	29%	30%	35%	27%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cleland Favorability					
Favorable	38%	42%	33%	40%	35%
Unfavorable	30%	23%	26%	29%	40%
Not sure	33%	35%	40%	31%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Nunn Favorability					
Favorable	47%	35%	35%	55%	55%
Unfavorable	18%	19%	21%	16%	16%
Not sure	36%	47%	44%	30%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Sun. Alcohol Sales Be Legal or Illegal?					
Legal	56%	51%	61%	63%	43%
Illegal	38%	40%	37%	32%	50%
Not sure	6%	9%	2%	6%	7%

